

HOUSE BILL 3388
By Shepard

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 17; Title 6; Title 7; Title 68, Chapter 102, Part 1; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 68, Chapter 1, relative to fire safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-120, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) The commissioner shall submit a report by not later than February 1 of each year to the governor and to each house of the general assembly regarding the department's inspections of nursing homes for the aged and enforcement activities during the previous year. The report shall analyze:

(1) Trends in compliance with nursing home standards which shall be limited to identifying those trends through aggregate and quantitative data only; in preparing the report, the commissioner may utilize quantitative data compiled by nursing homes pursuant to federal or state regulations;

(2) Residents' rights by nursing homes and homes for the aged in the state; and

(3) The status and degree of compliance by nursing homes and homes for the aged with Chapter 860 of the Public Acts of 2004 relating to sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, and fire drills. Such report shall also provide information to the general assembly and the public concerning the involvement of local fire departments with each licensed facility relative to the observance of annual fire drills by each such facility.

(b) The commissioner shall ensure that the report is promptly made available to the public by dissemination via the Internet and that the report is available for members of the public to copy.

SECTION 2 This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.